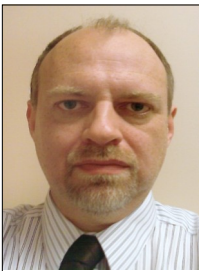




## Full PAC: MPO welcomes New Public Advisory members

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization welcomes three new members to its Public Advisory Committee.



Maron

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Yingling

Yingling, also of Dover, is marketing manager

In December, Kent County Levy Court appointed Ed Maron, Kevin Yingling and Rob Book to the PAC. The appoint-13-member PAC to full capacity after it had longstanding vacancies.

Maron, of Dover, is a budget analyst for the Delaware Transit Corporation.

for the Delaware Electric Cooperative, which serves electric customers throughout lower Delaware. Book, of Milford, also works for the Cooperative as assistant vice president of member services, and will serve as Yingling's alternate on the PAC.

The Public Advisory Committee ensures that the MPO receives input from the public regarding all transportation plans, programs and policies that the MPO Council adopts. Members are community residents from diverse backgrounds who are interested in planning and transportation.



Book

the City of Dover.

The PAC has appointees from the State of Delaware, Kent County and

## MPO updating its bylaws

In Baltimore, it is illegal to take a lion to the movies. In Oklahoma, sleeping donkeys have to be out of the bathtub after 7 p.m. In Grand Haven, Mich., no one shall throw an abandoned hoop skirt into any street or sidewalk, under threat of a \$5 fine, per offense.

Old rules tend to stay on the books unless someone picks them up and cleans them off.

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's bylaws aren't as elaborate as the municipal and state laws in Maryland, Oklahoma or Michigan. Nonetheless, the organization is going over its bylaws to get them up to date.

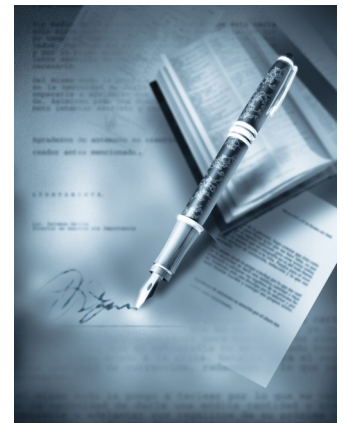
The MPO's bylaws are the overarching rules for how the organization operates. The document has not been updated since the transportation organization formed in the early 1990's.

At that time, therefore, the MPO Council chairman signed expense checks.

That duty passed to the executive director in 1994 when the council created the position to run the MPO's daily operations.

Over the years, the MPO Council adopted agreements that act as addendums to the bylaws, but this is the MPO's first overhaul of the entire document. The update would match the MPO's policies with its practices, such as membership, leadership, and how and when the MPO conducts meetings.

The process should be finished later this year.



## Carey, Eaby re-elected to MPO leadership

Dover Mayor Carleton E. Carey, Sr. and Kent County Levy Court commissioner Bradley S. Eaby will remain chairman and vice chairman of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's council. Both have served as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, since 2010.

Council held its annual election for the leadership seats on Jan. 4. Members

unanimously re-elected Carey as MPO Council chairman and Eaby as the council vice chairman.

The council is the MPO's policy-making body. It includes the highest elected officials, or their representatives, from member governments and representatives of major transportation providers.



Carey



Eaby

## Del. 10 stretch could become more walk, bike friendly

On any given day, it's easy to spot people walking or bicycling along the stretch of Del. 10 between U.S. 13 and Bay Road.

The Dover/Kent County MPO and the state are taking the lead in an effort to make Del. 10 a little safer to walk and bike. The project is one of several state-spearheaded recreational trail and improvement initiatives.

Striping and a wooden boardwalk would delineate the area for pedestrians and bicycles on the south side of the road's shoulder between the Gateway South shopping center and Pine Cabin Road. Traffic signal upgrades would be included in the project, as the proposed trail provides a direct connection to the existing Isaacs Branch trail, which has an endpoint at Del. 10.

A start date for the project has not been determined, as the concept needs approval from the

Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Delaware Department

of Transportation (DelDOT) before it could be included in DelDOT's Capital Transportation Plan.



Top Inset: Pedestrians and bicyclists often use the road shoulder of Del. 10 between U.S. 13 and Bay Road, creating a safety need. Bottom: A map shows a concept for bicycle and pedestrian trail improvements along Del. 10. The orange line indicates where a trail could be built. The red line indicates potential sidewalk improvements, and the light blue line indicates the location of the existing Isaacs Branch recreation trail.

## Transportation Management Association Closes in Delaware



After 21 years, the Transportation Management Association of Delaware has dissolved.

TMA's then board president announced in late November that the partnership had decided to close the

agency and its offices in Wilmington on Dec. 31, 2011.

"Much has been accomplished through our partnership," Heffron said in the announcement. "Transportation solutions, mitigation legislation and air

quality are just a few."

Heffron, however, continued, saying the changing economy, which is causing companies to downsize, which led to the board's decision to dissolve TMA Delaware.

## MPO, State Planning Office offer planning assistance to small towns

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination are reaching out to small municipalities in central Delaware to assist them with any transportation planning, transportation infrastructure programming, land use guidance or training they might need.

Representatives from the two agencies met with Mayor Paul Caple of Kenton on Dec. 20 to talk about plan-

ning and transportation assistance, said David Edgell, Principal Planner for the Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination. The small, northwestern Kent County town is in the process of reorganizing its planning commission. Once the new panel is in place, the town is interested in moving forward with long-term planning needs.

Edgell said that in the meantime, he has offered to help the town by

briefing its council and planning commission with initial information about comprehensive plans as well as organize some training for town officials.

MPO Executive Director Rich Vetter forwarded Caple some information on ordinances that can restrict the use of truck engine brakes, often called "jake brakes," which have posed a noise problem in the Kenton area.



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## MPO meets with Cheswold about proposed town center plan

On Jan. 12, staff from the Dover/Kent County MPO spoke with the Cheswold Planning Commission about a possible town center plan.

The meeting broached the feasibility for such a project and MPO Executive Director Rich Vetter asked the new commissioners



what Cheswold would want in a town center.

A town center typically includes a focal point, a mixture of homes, retail, office, civic and park space, narrow streets, and acts as a hub for jobs, transportation, entertainment and recreation.

These features also fit into a classification that Gov. Jack Markell calls "complete communities." Vetter, used the Paynter's Mill development in Milton as an example of features that not only match the general description of a town center, but could fit the bill for Cheswold. However, he also asked commissioners about features such as building design, road improvements and bus service.

The prospect bore questions from planning commissioners and other town officials at the meeting regarding size requirements and sustainability. Planning Commissioner Don Tinari said the town should make sure that the town's zones are defined and in place. Cheswold Mayor Jeannette Williams and Cheswold Town Councilwoman Theon Callender had questions about town's physical boundaries and how Cheswold's comprehensive plan update would impact the town's characteristics. Planning Commissioner Dennis Coker said the commission will need time to mull the idea of a town center plan and how Cheswold would proceed with the venture.



### WYOMING MILL ROAD ALIGNMENT OPENS

In late November, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) opened the new alignment of Wyoming Mill Road at the intersection of Hazletville Road in west Dover. Wyoming Mill Road previously intersected with Hazletville Road, closer to Mifflin Road. The alignment moved the road west and now intersects at Hazletville Road and the entrance to the Village of Westover neighborhood.

The \$3.9-million project began with a federal earmark for design and construction, designated by Sen. Thomas R. Carper, to the City of Dover. Construction began in March 2011.

(Information courtesy of DelDOT)

**TOP:** A flagger directs traffic at the newly opened intersection.

**RIGHT:** A northern view of the alignment shows a wider intersection with a designated left hand turn lane.



## MPO Meeting Schedule 2012

### Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

**Council Chambers, Camden Town Hall, 1783 Friends Way, Camden, DE**

February 8, 2012

April 11, 2012

June 13, 2012

August 8, 2012

October 10, 2012

December 12, 2012

### Public Advisory Committee

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

**Locations vary between central, lower and northern, Kent County**

February 21, 2012

April 24, 2012

June 26, 2012  
WORKSHOP  
Location to be Determined

August 21, 2012

October 23, 2012

December 2012  
Date to be Determined

### MPO Council

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

**Council Chambers, Camden Town Hall, 1783 Friends Way, Camden, DE**

January 4, 2012

May 9, 2012

July 11, 2012

September 5, 2012

November 7, 2012

January 2 or 9, 2013  
To Be Determined



### The Dover/Kent County MPO is going Green

To save paper and postage, the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization would like to deliver its newsletter, Journeys, via the Internet. Please contact the MPO at [kate.layton@doverkentmpo.org](mailto:kate.layton@doverkentmpo.org), or at (302) 387-6026 and tell us if you prefer to receive Journeys via e-mail, or the U.S. Postal Service. Thanks for helping the MPO's efforts to be earth conscious. Go green!

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